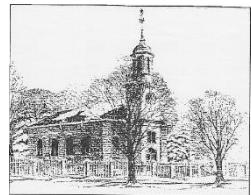


# THE CROWN

*The Newsletter of Christ Church Shrewsbury*  
Christ Church is a community committed to exploring the reality of God in today's world



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## A YANKEE DOODLE CELEBRATION! INDEPENDENCE DAY SERVICE AND POTLUCK PICNIC

Presbyterian Church in Shrewsbury

SUNDAY JUNE 29, 2025 @ 10:00 am\*

You are invited to a shared worship service and  
Independence Day Picnic  
at the Presbyterian Church in Shrewsbury in their Parish Hall

Bring along a side dish or dessert to share and join us as we begin discussing plans for celebrating our nation's 250th birthday next year.

*\*No service at Christ Church on this morning*



## REVOLUTION 249!

Dear Parishioners,

For the past few years, we have gathered with our Presbyterians neighbors on the Sunday before the Fourth of July to celebrate our nation's Independence Day. As you may (or may not) know, Independence Day is marked on our Liturgical Calendar as a day of worship and remembrance. While we usually hear about the separation of church and state, the truth of the matter is that they can never be fully separate; we are citizens of both heaven and earth, and we have are responsible for doing whatever we can to be the best citizens we can be of both worlds. On this day, we strive to bring the two together in harmony!

This year we are meeting on Sunday, June 29 at 10:00 am at the Parish Hall at the Presbyterian Church. Christ Church will once again provide the delicious fried chicken and parishioners from both churches will bring side dishes. Every year we have had a marvelous speaker from the community: local historian Rick Geffkin, former mayor and chair of the Shrewsbury Historical Society Don Burden, and DAR member Joanne Slocum, who has been doing a lot of research and work in both of our graveyards surrounding the Revolutionary War.

This year, we are doing something a bit different. We will still be having worship (inside again, by popular demand) and will have communion together. But instead of a sermon or lecture, we are going to be discussing ideas appropriate this time around: for next year is the 250th anniversary of the Revolution, and we want to be ready!

Monmouth County is already laying out a whole calendar of plans for 2026; Nancy Stewart and Connie Goddard recently went to a planning meeting and shared all kinds of information with the Vestry. In another week or so, the town of Shrewsbury will also have a meeting and Pastor Katja and I plan to attend, seeing what events we might be able to collaborate with or piggyback on. We are both on the same page on this: we want to see what our two congregations can do to help celebrate our congregations' own historical parts in the founding of this country.

We are both looking forward to exploring ways we can partner together. We have been neighbors for a very long time, it is exciting to think about joining up to make a real impact in our community. Our history is unique and wonderful, and one "tool in our toolbox" to draw people into our church, and into our faith.

Please mark your calendar! I suggest you park either on the street or in our Christ Church parking lot and walk down to the Presbyterian Church. If you can come early, I am sure the Presbyterians could use a little help getting things set up and putting the food out. And come ready to discuss whatever ideas you may have.

This is a wonderful way to kick off your Fourth of July Holiday. I hope to see you there!

Peace,

Mother Lisa+

## PARISH NEWS & NOTES

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

The Parish office hours are Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 am to 2 pm.

### **ANY CHANGES?**

Please inform us of any changes in address, e-mail, or telephone number so we can keep our records up to date. Please send us an email or call the Church Office at 732-741-2220.

### **IN REQUIEM**

Franklin R. Aschettino, 90, of Churubusco, NY formerly of West Long Branch, NJ passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on April 26, 2025. There will be a memorial service, June 16, 2025 at 12:30 p.m. at Christ Church in Christ Church in Shrewsbury, NJ.

*May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon them. Amen*

### **YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED**



**For the sick and suffering, and those in any need or trouble:** \*Anderson Pedalino, \*Bill Balmer, \*Carolyn, \*Cassie Reagan, \*Dianne Regiec, \*Halina Nibbling, \*Jim Miller, \*Joan, \*John Smalls, \*Judi Buncher, \*Julia Walsh, \*Larry Nibbling, \*Mimi Brown, \*Pam Diamond, \*Brother Richard Biernacki, \*Richard Brugger, \*Rod Webster, \*Sarah Schmid, \*Tia LaPiana, Victoria Cuff, Bob Bark, Diane Smith, Doris, Greg Shaljian, Heather Forrest, Jack Sauber, Jocelyn, John Veil, Linda Forrest, Lynn McKittrick, Meriwether Schmid, Mignon Williams, Pam, Pat & Bob Rivenes, Peddy, Roger Cuthbert, Todd Diamond

*\*Denotes members of Christ Church*

## PARISH LIFE

### **SUMMER SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH**



The Summer Schedule begins the weekend of June 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>. Service times are as follows:

- Saturday at 5 pm (held outside at the south end of the parking lot)
- Sunday at 10:15 am (inside the church)

The two services are unique and different, and we hope you find one that suits your own summer schedule.

### **YOUTH SUNDAY**



Youth Sunday will be held Sunday **June 1<sup>st</sup>** at the **10:15 am service**. Join us as we celebrate the many ministries and activities that involve our children and youth. This will be followed by our traditional Ice Cream Sundaes in the Parish house.

### **CHURCH BASEMENT CLEANOUT**

June 7<sup>th</sup> we will be meeting from 9 am to 12 pm to clean out the basement of the church. This is a **huge** project and many hands are needed. Various jobs to cater to various ages. We appreciate any and all help you can give – come for one hour, two or three! Please let the office know ASAP if you can make it.

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Bring along a side dish or dessert to share and join us as we begin discussing plans for celebrating our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday next year. The event will be inside, so no need to bring a chair. Co-Sponsored by The Presbyterian Church in Shrewsbury and Christ Episcopal Church, Shrewsbury. For more information, call 732-741-2220 or email us at [christchurchshrewsbury@verizon.net](mailto:christchurchshrewsbury@verizon.net).

## CHURCH SCHOOL



We would like to thank all the children of Christ Church for another wonderful year of Sunday school. Looking forward to sharing what we've learned this year on Youth Sunday. All children will meet in the church on June 1<sup>st</sup> and there will be an ice cream celebration following the service. Hope to see you there!

## PEAK OF THE WEEK ON HIATUS



Have a wonderful summer Peakers! See you all in August with the new fall line-up!

## MUSIC AT CROWN CHURCH

As we approach Pentecost, we have lots of liturgical music and hymnody reflecting the Ascension of Christ, the Holy Spirit coming among us, and celebrating the Trinity. We sing songs of hailing Jesus' name, of the gifts of the spirit, and of "holy, holy, holy," before we enter the music of Ordinary Time.

This season of the church year also leads to the end of our program year, at which time we celebrate the brilliant music that the choir has brought us. All of the members are to be given thanks and praise for their talent and time. The great church musician Helen Kemp wrote, "Body, mind, spirit, voice - it takes the whole person to sing and rejoice." This is so true! We invite anyone to come and join us for the occasional summer choir (we'll learn a song after church on a Sunday and then sing it in church the following Sunday).

Those dates are 7/13 after church rehearsal, to sing in church on 7/20, and 8/17 after church rehearsal to sing in church on 8/24. Hope to have many singers from the congregation!

## Eggstravaganza - Is it over yet?



At the fabulous Bingo Night we were able to sell about \$44.00 worth of eggs. But we still have some left. So if you have a hankering . a vanilla cream or double coconut chocolate be sure to see me on Sunday during the coffee hour.

I'd be glad to sell you an egg or two. Might make a good topping for your sundae. Mrs. Nap

## GIRL'S FRIENDLY SOCIETY (GFS)



The girls are looking forward to the Mother Daughter Retreat on June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup>!

## SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: READY FOR ACTION!



Seminarian Denzel Donaldson will be leading us in a summertime journey through the exciting Book of the Acts of the Apostles. The Book which is often simply called “Acts” is just that: a fast-moving account of how the first Christians began forming the Church and putting into action the words of Jesus. The class will focus on those first months and years after Jesus had risen and ascended into heaven – leaving the rest for his disciples to figure out (with some help from the Holy Spirit). You need no previous experience to join in, just pick up any version of a Bible you may have, grab an iced tea and settle down in your home for this Zoom Class.

The Study will be held on Tuesdays from 5pm to 6pm on June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22, August 5, and August 19. A zoom link will be sent out before the first class for those interested in exploring this exciting book, so look for it in the weekly email. We hope to be inspired as we continue to build the church in our own day. If you have any questions, call the church office or talk to Denzel after church on Sunday.

## PANERA FUNDRAISER

I want to shout out a very large THANK YOU!!!! to all who participated in the PANERA Fundraiser on May 17th. According to the counter staff at PANERA, it was one of the most successful fundraisers at that facility. Besides bringing in \$684.20 to the store in extra business we earned \$136.84 for the church. This money can be used however we want and will arrive within the next 46 days. This event was easy and provided us with an opportunity to eat some good food and enjoy some fellowship.

If there is anyone who has ideas on how we can cast a wider net with our flyers and bring in more people to participate please speak up and let me or someone in the vestry know. I look forward to hearing from you and setting up the next event.

Regards, Carl

## FLEA MARKET JUNE 28TH!



The annual Christ Church Flea Market has been scheduled! Start collecting your items for the flea market - perhaps your basement or attic or closets are hiding goodies that could be sold at the flea market. Please follow these guidelines:

- a. No clothing
- b. Items should be clean, free of attic dust and dirt
- c. No large furniture - one person should be able to lift it
- d. Limit the Christmas items
- e. No electronics such as TVs; especially outdated items
- f. CDs and albums sell well
- g. Puzzles, toys, and games sell well

Keep your items at your home until after June 16th! Please don't store the items at the parish house until after the 16th since we use the parish house for other events.

Plan to come to the flea market - we will also need assistance pricing the items and setting up during the week of June 23rd.

Further details are coming!

*Submitted by Elaine and Robin*

## “IT TAKES A VILLAGE”

*\*Phoenix and Julien Canoy are Philippine students Christ Church supplies a scholarship for college.*

*\*Queeni Caay lives in the Philippines and Christ Church sponsored her college education.*

**“A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.”**

**- Proverbs 11:25**

Good day everyone! I hope you are doing well. This last week of May I finished my second year of college. I am very happy because I am halfway to success. And I am very grateful because you are always there to support us so that we can achieve our wish. On May 12<sup>th</sup>, our election was held. And before I voted, I prayed that the winning politicians

would be those who truly care about the people. This is my second time voting and I am happy that the ones I chose to vote for won. On May 11<sup>th</sup>, it was Mother's Day, I hope all the mothers who are members of the church were also given flowers by their children like we siblings gave to our mother and grandmothers. After Mother's Day, we had our final exam and I was very happy because I got high marks. Thanks to God; he gave me a peaceful mind while taking the exam. On the 29<sup>th</sup> we will be doing a training regarding bed arrangements here at one of our hotels. I am happy because I know I will learn a lot more that day, not just about bed arrangements but much more. That's all for now.

Always grateful,  
Julien

## BINGO NIGHT SUCCESS!

Christ Church celebrated its first annual Prize Bingo Night on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to everyone who attended this festive event! In total, 117 people packed into the Parish House to try their luck and win some prizes. A great time was had by all!

Prize BINGO brought in over \$3,500 of profit for Christ Church, after expenses were paid. Wow!

We are so grateful to the over 20 local businesses who contributed prizes for the evening. A special thank you to McKenna Electric LLC for sponsoring the Grand Door Prize, won by Tara Dunford! In total, we gave away over \$3,000 in prizes!

One major benefit of Prize BINGO was the beginning of new collaboration across various organizations. Little Silver Women's Club, Saint Michael's Church, and Sunrise Assisted Living are all looking forward to future collaborations with Christ Church as a result of our outreach efforts.

And the benefits just keep on coming...

Connecting people - parishioners and non-parishioners alike • Having FUN at church • Encouraging new members • Old members returning to our church • Making connections across local organizations • Local small business promotion • A new era of volunteerism and

stewardship • Anticipated growth in Church School numbers • Sense of community and belonging

Thank you to ALL who made this night such a success! Your support with recruiting attendees, bringing friends, offering sweet treats and snacks, help with cleanup, supplying prizes... All of it was so appreciated! It takes a village, and we have a great one!

Our best always,  
Kristen Downs and Lisa Marino  
The Bingo Ladies



## PHOTOGRAPHY RAFFLE

Let's capture your family's story and preserve this special time in your lives with an extended lifestyle family portrait session.

### **Photo Package Details:**

- Your extended lifestyle family portrait session, group of less than 25, will include a 1-2 hour session, with each family receiving a mini session in addition to a large family portrait.
- Sessions will take place at a location of your choice in Monmouth County - home, beach or park.
- As a special gift, 10 retouched digital files, and up to 75 4 x 6 proofs will be included which will then be presented in a beautiful custom silk album.

### **About Louise Conover:**

As the mother of four sons, I know how important it is to preserve fleeting and precious memories. As a photographer, I am a storyteller who aims to

document timeless portraits for my clients that beautifully capture those they love most.

My work has been featured in national publications of the New York Times, The Knot and Modern Bride as well as Wedding Channel's Wedding Bells magazine, Philadelphia Wedding, Brides New Jersey and The Knot New Jersey.

My images are closeup and personal, emphasizing expression in a dynamic and artistic way. There is a timeless appeal to their classic beauty.

### **PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS:**

1 Ticket for \$7

2 Tickets for \$10

5 Tickets for \$20

### **Payment:**

Cash, Check, or Venmo @KDowns110

### **Raffle Drawing:**

Sunday, September 7, 2025, during the 10:15am Service at Christ Church. Winner need not be present.



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**Pop-up webinar:  
‘Gaza and the Occupied Palestinian Territories’**

**June 5, 10 to 10:45 a.m. ET**

**REGISTER**

Join The Episcopal Church's **Office of Government Relations** for a conversation with the **Very Rev. Canon Richard Sewell**, dean of Saint George's College in Jerusalem. He will speak about the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, ongoing violence and oppression in the West Bank, and the plight of Palestinian Christians. **Register today.**

## **THOSE WHO SERVE- JUNE**

### **June 1 – Youth Sunday**

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell  
Deacon: Reverend William Balmer  
Acolytes: 8 am Judi Buncher, Madna Aubry, Denzel Donaldson  
             10:15 am Joshua Dunford, Matthew Dunford  
Lectors: 8 am Walter Dein  
             10:15 am Church School  
Ushers: 8 am Carl Alfano  
             10:15 am Walter Dein, Elaine Feyereisen

Organist/Choirmaster: Fiona Smith Sutherland

St. Mary's Choir Director: Brother Richard Biernacki

Altar Guild: Judi Buncher

Coffee Hour: Ice Cream Sunday

### **June 8**

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell  
Deacon: Reverend William Balmer  
Acolytes: 8 am Edgar John, Denzel Donaldson  
             10:15 am Cassandra Murphy, Josie Borden, Denzel Donaldson  
Lectors: 8 am Peggy James  
             10:15 am Connie Goddard, Tara Dunford  
Ushers: 8 am John Callaghan  
             10:15 am Walter Dein, George Edwards

Organist/Choirmaster: Fiona Smith Sutherland

Altar Guild: Colleen & Mark Roth

Coffee Hour: Noel Murgio

### **June 15**

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell  
Deacon: Reverend William Balmer  
Acolytes: Joshua Dunford, Matthew Dunford, Denzel Donaldson  
Lectors: Elaine Feyereisen, Bob Honecker  
Ushers: Elaine Feyereisen, George Edwards  
Organist/Choirmaster: Fiona Smith Sutherland  
Altar Guild: Judi Buncher, Madna Aubry  
Coffee Hour: Peggy James

### **June 22**

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell  
Deacon: Reverend William Balmer  
Acolytes: Dexter, Kodi & Abe Craven, Denzel Donaldson  
Lectors: Robert Maber, Bob Van Valkenburgh  
Ushers: Bramley Maber, Christine Maber  
Organist/Choirmaster: Fiona Smith Sutherland  
Altar Guild: Cindy Webster  
Coffee Hour: Cassandra & Abigail Murphy

### **June 29**

Service at the Presbyterian Church at 10 am

# JUNE 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>YOUTH SUNDAY</b>  <u>8 am</u> Holy Eucharist  <u>10:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  <u>10 am</u> Choir Practice	<b>6</b>  GFS Mother / Daughter Retreat	<b>7</b>  <u>9 - 12 am</u> Basement Cleanout  GFS Mother / Daughter Retreat
<b>8</b>  <u>8 am</u> Holy Eucharist  <u>10:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist	<b>9</b>  <u>9 am</u> SBS 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Tour  <u>7 pm</u> GFS Zoom  *ML+ at Continuing Ed	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  <u>10 am</u> Choir Practice	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  <u>5:00 pm</u> Mass on the Grass
<b>15</b> <b>FATHER'S DAY</b>  <u>10:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist	<b>16</b>  <u>12:30 pm</u> Frank Aschettino Funeral	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  <u>5:00 pm</u> Mass on the Grass
<b>22</b>  <u>10:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist	<b>23</b>  <u>6 pm</u> Vestry Meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Flea Market  <u>5:00 pm</u> Mass on the Grass
<b>29</b>  <u>10:00 am</u> Independence Day Service & Picnic at Pres. Church	<b>30</b>					<u>Office Hours:</u> Tue. – Fri. 10 am – 2 pm

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**SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST.  
BRING SOMEONE TO CHURCH WITH YOU.**

The Reverend Lisa S. Mitchell, Rector  
The Reverend William Balmer, Deacon  
Denzel Donaldson, Seminarian  
Fiona Smith Sutherland, Organist/Choirmaster  
Brother Richard Biernacki, St. Mary's Choir Director  
Francesca Parker, Office Administrator  
Halina Nibbling, Sexton

## **VESTRY 2025**

Elaine Feyereisen - Senior Warden  
Peggy James - Junior Warden, Stewardship  
Stephen Craven - Treasurer  
Lynn Marengo - Asst. Treasurer  
Madna Aubry - Stewardship, GFS Representative  
Julie Sinn Cassidy - Youth Ministries  
Walter Dein - Property  
Sue Napoletano - Church School  
Bob Stewart - Graveyard  
Susan Sellers - ECW Liaison  
Dianne Regiec - Food Insecurity  
Nancy Stewart - Vestry Clerk

